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SUBJECT: ARCHBISHOP CASAROLI'S VISIT TO PRAGUE

REF: PRAGUE 393

1. MFA OFFICIAL (MATEJKA-US AFFAIRS) TOLD EMBOFF FEB. 27 THAT FEB. 26 PRESS RELEASE REPORTED REFTTEL CAUSED CASAROLI ENOUGH DISPLEASURE FOR HIM TO RAISE MATTER IN FEB. 27 TALKS WITH DEP PREMIER LUCAN. SOURCE ATTRIBUTED TO CASAROLI ARGUMENT THAT UNDUE EMPHASIS HAD BEEN PLACED ON NON-CHURCH MATTERS AND THAT ADDITIONAL PRESS STATEMENTS SHOULD REDRESS BALANCE. FRONT PAGE ANNOUNCEMENTS FEB. 27 MARKING HIS DEPARTURE DID UNDERSCORE CHURCH MATTERS NOT ONLY AS MAJOR SUBJECT OF JUST-COMPLETED TALKS, BUT OF EVENTUAL FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AS WELL.

2. ON SUBSTANCE OF TALKS, SOURCE SAID CASAROLI PRESENTED LIST OF SEVEN CANDIDATES TO FILL VACANT BISHOPRICS, AS EXPECTED. CZECHS STATED THEY WOULD CONSIDER NAMES AND PERHAPS COME UP WITH OWN LIST AT LATER DATE. THEY CONVEYED DESIRABILITY OF CALL BY CSSR FONMIN CHNOUPEK ON POPE DURING VISIT TO ROME APPARENTLY SET FOR THIS SPRING (SOURCE DID NOT KNOW DATES), BUT THEY MADE  
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CLEAR TO CASAROLI THAT VATICAN SHOULD NOT EXPECT MATTER OF

BISHOPS TO BE RESOLVED BY THEN. INSTEAD, IT WOULD TAKE  
PERHAPS SIX MONTHS TO SORT THIS OUT.

3. SOURCE NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH VISIT WAS STATE-TO-STATE, IT WAS  
CASAROLI-NOT CZECHS-WHO HAD PUSHED FOR IT. THUS CZECH  
APPROACH DURING TALKS, SOURCE SAID, WAS TO SIT BACK, SEE  
WHAT VATICAN'S REPRESENTATIVE HAD TO SAY, AND TELL HIM NO  
MORE THAN THAT THEY WOULD CONSIDER HIS PROPOSALS. APPARENTLY,  
HE CONCLUDED, THIS IS ALL THAT HAPPENED.

4. SOURCE ATTRIBUTED HIS INFORMATION TO MFA'S ITALIAN/VATICAN  
DESK OFFICER.  
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